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Continuation of the Review of the publick Buildings, &c.

AS I have made *Statues*, as well as *Architecture*, the Subject of these Papers, as often as they have fallen in my Way; and we are now in the *Abbey*, 'twill be unpardonable not to take a Survey of the most remarkable Monuments there, and applaud, and censure in Turn, as Occasion offers.

I shall begin with Sir *Godfrey Kneller's*, situated at the lower End of the North Isle; a Thing design'd by Sir *Godfrey* himself, and executed by *Rysbrack*, and, yet so far from answering the Idea we might conceive of it from two such great Names, that it hardly excites common Attention, or Curiosity, unless to read the Epitaph, which is exactly of a Piece with the Tomb, and as unworthy of Mr. *Pope's* Genius, as the Design of that is of *Kneller's* Pencil. One would have thought so accomplish'd a Master should have recollected at first Sight, that a Canopy is far from being a proper Decoration in Stone, and, if it was, that 'tis so stale and trite an Ornament, that the worst of his Disciples would have rejected it with Contempt. One might reasonably add, that Sir *Godfrey* had it in his Power to distinguish his own Excellencies, in the Propriety of his Ornaments; but those, he has chosen, may do as well for any Body else, and belong no more to a *Painter*, than a *Lord Chief Justice*.

I shall pass by a Number of rude, *Gothique* Pieces, which, instead of adorning, really incumber the Church, and be particular on such only which either really excel, or were intended to do so, by their Founders.

Among the first of these, we may very justly take Notice of that erected to the Memory of young Mr. *Guterst*: The Thought, it turns on, is fine, and poetical; no Guardian is so proper of a Thing sacred to Memory as *Time*, and no Bribe so effectual to secure him in its Favour as Merit: The Epitaph, he is made to display, is in a fine Taste, and does Honour both to him who compos'd it, and him it alludes to: The Bust of the young Gentleman himself is beautifully simple, and preserves a fine Keeping with Respect to the Whole.

On the other Side of the same Isle, on the Back of the Choir, we see another, in all Respects, the Opposite of this: I forget the Lady's Name in whose Honour 'twas erected, and if those who were at the Expence of it could be forgot too, 'twould be some Advantage to their Characters: The Conceit of this Monument is a front Figure of a Lady springing upwards from the Ground, with a Cherubim above her descending to give her a Lift; tho', by her Attitude, 'tis impossible she should know any Thing of the Matter. Below her, hovering over the Base, is another as lame and wretched as the first, who unfolds as bad an Epitaph, and compleats so miserable a Piece, that nothing but its next Neighbour could possibly keep it in Countenance.

That belongs to the late Lord *Kingsale*, and is as fine as Painting, Carving, and Gilding can make it: But, for its Taste, surely 'tis impossible that any Thing should be more remarkable: That Nobleman is in a recumbent Posture, with a curious Suit of Armour on, a delicate Head of Hair, and points to a very emphatical Coronet near him, as the Sum of all his Glory; a very pretty Bit of Canopy dangles over him, a Coat of Arms most pompously emblazon'd glitters above that: Two poor little Boys, whom I pity prodigiously, bear up a most ponderous Urn, with the additional Weight of the Statue into the Bargain, and an important Epitaph underneath all tells you, that it has been a Privilege of the *Kingsale Family* to wear their Hats before the King, Time out of Mind.

Doctor Chamberlain's Monument is by many People thought one of the best Pieces in the *Abbey*, and I own I am inclin'd to be of the same Opinion: To be sure every one of the Figures is finely executed, and some Parts of the Doctor's, in particular, deserve sincere Applause: I have no material Fault to find with the Order, and Disposition of the Whole, and the Epitaph, to be sure, says a great many fine Things of the Doctor: Yet still there wants a Boldness and Spirit thro' the Whole; you can't blame, 'tis true, but then you can't heartily praise: In every Design, where there are more Figures than one, 'tis possible to strike the Spectator's Imagination, as well as appeal to his Judgment; and I must be so free as to own, that this Piece has not that Effect on me.

As there is a Bust of a late Musician in our Way, dress't up in a Beau Peruke, and a fine lac'd Cravat, he would take it ill, if we did not pay our Compliment to him as we pass'd by: For which Reason I make him this Acknowledgment; but, for fear the Heirs of any other Musician, should lavish away more Money, to a like Purpose, I think myself oblig'd to declare that *Purcel's* Epitaph is, at least, of ten Times more Value, than *Blow's* Monument.

The two Boys on each Side of the little Tomb, erected to the Memory of Sir *Gilbert Lort*, are in a very pretty Taste, and a perfect Contraste to each other; one representing passionate, exclamatory Grief, and the other the still and silent: 'Tis Pity they are divided by so bad an Ornament in the Middle: Had they lean'd on a single Urn, which, in the Antique Taste, might have been suppos'd to hold his Ashes, they would have had a fine Effect, and challeng'd more Admiration than many a more pompous and expensive Pile.

Looking thro' into one of the little Chapels, which are separated from the Body of the Church, we see a Monument that belongs to one of the *Veres*, and challenges some Attention: 'Tis true the principal Figure is in the old *Gothique* Taste, flat on his Back, and, of Consequence, not to be relish'd, tho' executed in the most perfect Manner in the World: But then the four *Knights* which support the Stone over him, with his Armour on Top, are justly to be admir'd; and, tho' both their Dress, and the Oddness of their Employ, are Disadvantages, yet they strike you with Pleasure notwithstanding, and each independent Figure demands your Approbation. Sorry I am to see them us'd so ill; most of them are maim'd, and one of them, in particular, has lately had a Leg broke off; I would therefore recommend the Care of the *Dead*, to the Dean and Chapter, as well as the *Living*; and, as they are least able to help themselves, I think they have a better Claim to the Protection of others; and especially as they pay for their Lodging too.

Just opposite to this Door, against the Wall, is a martial Figure, representing one of the *Holles's*, and, till that of Mr. *Craggs's* was put up, was the only erect one in the *Abbey*: An Attitude I am far from discommending, for, 'tis my Opinion, Statues, should always represent Life and Action, and not Languor and Insensibility: 'Tis particularly happy when adapted to Soldiers, and Heroes, who ought never to be suppos'd at Rest, and should have their Characters represented as strong as possible: This before us is bold and manly, tho' not chaste and elegant: 'Tis finely elevated too, and the mourning *Pallas's* at the Base of it are both well fancied, and well applied. There is no Part of the Execution of this Tomb that we can admire, but as there was a Propriety in the Design, I could not pass it over without giving it its due Praise.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

THE following *Ode* is to be sung at a Meeting of some Gentlemen *Florists*, at the *Bowling-Green-House* at *Islington*. If you'll give it a Place in your Paper, you'll oblige *Your constant Reader*,

J. P.

Recitativo.

YE Sons of *Flora*, come in Worship join,
And pay your Adorations at her *Shrine*:
Summons your *Brethren*, call her *Votaries* forth,
From East, from West, and from the South and North:
To her these solemn *Festivals* belong;
Who charms our Senses, and who warms our Song.
Come join with me, revere her sacred Name;
And thus in tuneful Sounds your *Joys* proclaim.

Air.

Goddess! in thy bright *Form* descend,
With *blooming Garlands* in thy Hand;
Thy shining *Laurels* shall adorn
A Race of Mortals yet unborn.
On thy fair *Altars* they new *Trophies* raise,
And sing, like us, their latest Breath in *Praise*.
Thy *Beauties* always new will prove,
And raise our Wonder, and our Love;
Beauties! that here in *Lustre* shine,
That speak thy Love, and *Power* divine;
Beauties! that deck the *Bosom* of the *Fair*,
And rival'd only by the *Sweetness* there.

Chorus.

Behold us then assembled here,
To show our *Joy*, and own thy Care,
And hail with grateful *Song* the new-born *Year*.

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 5.

LAST Night about Nine o'Clock, her Majesty in her Chair, and the Princess Royal in her Coach, went from St. *James's*, attended by several Persons of Quality and Distinction, to the House of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Portmore*, in St. *James's-Square*, and stood Godmothers in Person to the new-born Daughter of his Lordship, which was named *Caroline*; his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* stood Godfather.

We are credibly inform'd, that this Court, together with their High-Mightinesses the States-General and the King of *Sweden*, having interpos'd their good Offices with the *Czarina*, in order to prevail on her Majesty to decline her intended Enterprizes against the City of *Dantzick*, the Ministers of one of those Powers receiv'd Answer from that Princess, That she certainly cannot be to blame in making Use of the sole Expedient which can possibly determine a War, otherwise capable of being spun into a Length of several Years.

Our Accounts from *Dantzick*, however, assure us, that they are in no Manner of Pain for any Attempts the *Russians* may think proper to make against that City, the same being every Way in a Condition to hold out against an Army of 80,000 for a long Time; and the Hills moreover which surround it being intirely sapp'd and sow'd with Mines, so that an innumerable Body of Men must be lost, before any Troops can even approach the Town to besiege it.

Our Letters from *Dresden* advise, that the *Saxons* having been threatned by their Adversaries with some notable Blow that was to surprize them unawares, are hard at Work in throwing up a Line on the Side of *Guben*, facing the Territories of the King of *Prussia*, not knowing in the present delicate Crisis of Affairs, on which Side to expect the Enemy: But, we presume, the Convention lately sign'd between the Courts of *Vienna* and *Berlin*, has already put a Stop to those Works.

Last Week a fine Monument was erected in *Eton* Chapel, near *Windsor*, to the Memory of Dr. *Godolphin*, late Provost of *Eton* College.

Marriages. Yesterday —— *Knapper*, Esq; was married to Miss *Atkinson*, a young Lady of a considerable Fortune. —— Last Week *John Barnard*, of *Maidenhead*, Esq; late a Student in *King's-College*, *Cambridge*, was married to Miss *Gale*, Daughter of *James Gale*, of *Reading*, Esq; a young Lady of a large Fortune.

Deaths. Yesterday died at *Hertford*, *John Cummings*, Esq; formerly in the Commission of Peace for the said County. —— The same Day died, at his House at *Parsons-Green*, in the 90th Year of his Age, *Gilbert Bostock*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*.

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MONDAY, *Jan.* 7.

Yesterday being *Twelfth-Day*, the same was observed at Court as a Festival, on which Account his Majesty, the Prince of *Wales*, and the Duke, wore their Collars of SS. and the Knights Companions of the most noble Order of the Garter, antient Order of the Thistle, and Hon. Order of the *Bath*, appeared at Court in the Collars of their respective Orders. Their Majesties, the Prince of *Wales*, and the three eldest Princesses, went to the Chapel Royal, preceded by the Heralds and Pursuivants at Arms, and attended by a great Concourse of Nobility and Gentry; and heard a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. *Lynch*, Dean of *Canterbury*. His Majesty went to the Altar after the Service, and made the Offerings of three Purses of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, according to annual Custom, which afterwards went to the Lord Bishop of *London*, as Dean of the Chapel.

They write from *Chester*, that Mr. *Kimberly*, the Projector, was busy in viewing the Lands, Rocks, *&c.* by the Sea-side, in order to make the River *Dee* navigable, pursuant to an Act passed for that Purpose.

On Saturday last the Chevalier *de Osforio*, Envoy Extraordinary of his *Sardinian* Majesty, gave a most splendid Entertainment to the Ministers of State and Foreign Ministers, at his House in *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, on Account of the vast Success wherewith it has pleased God to bless the Arms of the King his Master, and those of his Allies. It was remarkable, that of 21 Foreign Ministers residing at this Court, 16 of them appeared at Table.

Bath, Jan. 5. This Afternoon, at Five o'Clock, his most Serene Highness the Prince of *Orange* arriv'd here, at his Lodgings at *West-Gate-House*, amidst the Acclamations of a vast Number of Spectators, the Bells ringing, *&c.* He bore the Fatigue of the Journey very well, and eat a hearty Dinner on his Arrival here.

We hear from *Burford*, that on Tuesday and Wednesday last two great Matches were run on the Downs there; the first between Mr. *Cornwall's* Chesnut Gelding (borrow'd of Sir *Michael Newton*) and Mr. *Bray's* Chesnut Horse, for 100 Guineas a Side, which was won by the former: The two Gentlemen rode themselves, carrying 14 Stone a-piece.

The second Day's Match was between Mr. *Phillips's* Bay Gelding *Bustler*, and Mr. *Bray's* Grey Mare *Country-Wench*, for 125 Guineas a Side, at nine Stone a-piece, which was won by the former.

Deaths. On Wednesday last died the Rev. Mr. *Slinger*, Rector of *East Donyland* near *Colchester*.——On Friday last died the Rev. Mr. *Drift*, A. M. Rector of *Wantage* in the County of *Cambridge*.

Bankrupts. Andrew Lavington, late of St. *Leonard's* in the County of *Devon*, Merchant.——*Robert Elphinston*, of *Shear-Lane*, *London*, Chapman.

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 8.

Last Sunday Night about Twelve o'Clock, a Fire broke out in the Upper Part of the House of the Hon. *Thomas Townshend*, Esq; second Son of the Lord Viscount *Townshend*, and one of the Tellers of the *Exchequer*, in *Cleveland-Row*, St. *James's*; occasioned by the Carelessness of a Servant-Maid, who went to Bed and left her Candle burning, which set Fire to the Bedding. The Court at St. *James's* was soon alarmed, and by the Assistance of the Guard and the Engine belonging to the Court, the same was extinguished before it got to a Head. The Damage it did is computed at about 100 l. it having burnt all the Furniture in the Room where it began, and damaged others.

On Friday last the Press-Warrants were issued by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, for impressing Seamen to man the Ships lately put in Commission.

On Sunday Night last an Account arrived here, that the Foreign Secretary, who lately withdrew himself from this Kingdom, had been seiz'd at *Rotterdam*, by the Vigilance of the *Sardinian* Minister at the *Hague*, who was using Endeavours to get him sent Prisoner to *Turin*. Bank of *England* Bills for 1500 l. were found upon him.

Yesterday in the Afternoon several of the Right Rev. the Bishops, amongst whom were the Bishops of *London*, *Rochester*, and *Landaff*, went to view the Library and Free-School in *Castle street*, and were pleased to order the Salaries of the Masters and Matrons to be augmented, and concerted Means to render Children upon that Foundation to be accepted at a less Expence to their Relations.

Sir *Brownlow Sherrard*, Bart. hath charitably subscrib'd 100 l. *per Annum* towards maintaining the New Infirmary at *Hyde-Park-Corner*: Many other Persons of Quality and Distinction have largely contributed to the said pious Undertaking.

We hear that a Scheme will be laid before the Parliament at the next Sessions, for the better providing and keeping up a greater Number of Seamen than is at present, to be ready on any Occasion for his Majesty's Service.

Yesterday the Gentlemen of the Inquest belonging to the several Wards of this City, made their Returns to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor at *Guildhall*, of the several new Officers elected to serve for the ensuing Year, and they were sworn in accordingly.

They write from *Smyrna*, *Nov.* 21, that Wheat was tolerable cheap, and that Quantities had been shipp'd at *Sanderly*, in *French* Vessels, for *Italy*.

It is written from *Cadiz* the 22d past, N. S. that two of the four *French* Men of War from *Brest* were sailed for *Carthagena*, where they were to wait the Arrival of an Express from *Madrid*, after which it was supposed they would sail, with some *Spanish* Men of War, for the *Adriatick* Sea, to prevent the *Imperialists* in the Kingdom of *Naples* receiving any Reinforcements from *Trieste* and *Fiume*.

By a private Letter from *Legborn*, dated the 20th past, N. S. there is Advice of a *British* Ambassador being gone from *Gibraltar* to *Mequinez*, to treat a Peace with the Emperor of *Morocco*. This Advice was brought to *Legborn* by the *Biddeford* Man of War.

Marriage. On Sunday last *Thomas Thornton*, of *Kensington-Square*, Esq; was married to Miss *Farington*, of *Spring-Gardens*, a young Lady of 10,000 l. Fortune.

Death. On Sunday last died, at his Lodging near *Charing-Cross*, being almost 80 Years old, Mr. *John Dennis*, the noted Critick.

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 9.

Monday Night last being observ'd at Court as *Twelfth-Night*, their Majesties, together with their Royal Highnesses the Prince of *Wales* and the Princess Royal: His Grace the Duke of *Grafton*, the Right Hon. the Lord *Harrington* and Mr. *Schutz*, play'd at Hazard according to antient Custom, and the Lord *Harrington* had the Fortune to win upwards of 500 l.

There was a Ball the same Night in the Anti-chamber, for the Entertainment of the young Noblemen and Ladies.

Yesterday there was a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen at *Guildhall*, when they were pleased to defer the Choice of an Ordinary of *Newgate* for a Month.

The Managers of the Lottery for the Relief of the Sufferers by the *Charitable Corporation* attended, and desir'd Leave to draw the said Lottery at *Guildhall*; but the same was refused.

His Majesty has been pleased to order a hundred Ounces of Plate as a Present to the new-born Daughter of her Grace the Dutchess of *Leeds*, by the Earl of *Portmore*, to whom her Majesty is Godmother.

Yesterday a *Dutchman* ventured to scate on the *Canal* in St. *James's-Park*, but had the ill Luck to drop through the Ice to the Bottom, and if there had not been present Help, he must have inevitably perished.

On Friday next Colonel *Herbert* hath ordered a Serjeant, a Corporal, and a Drum, to set out for *Wilton* near *Old-Sarum* in the County of *Wilts*, to beat up for Volunteers there and the Places adjacent.

Yesterday the Sessions of the Peace for the Royalty of the *Tower* Hamlets began at the Court-House on *Tower-Hill*, when Sir *John Gonson*, the Chairman, opened the said Sessions with a very learned Speech.

The same Day the Ballot of the *York-Buildings* Company, Whether the Company should apply to Parliament this next Sessions, for obtaining Relief to the Company, and for a Bill to enable the Company to settle Matters with their Creditors in such Manner as the Wisdom of Parliament shall think proper? was cast up, and found to be in the Affirmative, for the Question 342, against it 234.

The Hon. the Lord *Vere Beauclerc*, one of the Commissioners of the Navy, and Captain in the same, and his Brother the Hon. the Lord *Sidney Beauclerc*, also a Commander in the Navy, both Brothers to his Grace the Duke of St. *Alban's*, intend to stand Candidates at the next Election of Members of Parliament, for the Borough of *New-Windsor* in *Berkshire*; for which Place they are the present Members; and will be opposed by the Hon. Mr. *Masham*, Son of the Right Hon. the Lord *Masham*.

On Thursday last his Grace the Duke of *Richmond* gave a Grand Entertainment to the Corporation of *Chichester*, in favour of the Hon. *James Brudenell*, Esq; who has declar'd himself a Candidate there at the next Election.

Preferment. Thomas Curfoy, Gent. is made a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Foot commanded by the Hon. *Stephen Cornwallis*, Esq;

Deaths. Last Week died at the *Bath*, *Joseph Salter*, of *Shoreham* in *Sussex*, Esq;——A few Days since died the Rev. Mr. *Webb*, M. A. Rector of *Henfield* in *Hampshire*, and Brother-in-Law to *Anthony Henley*, Esq; Member of Parliament for *Southampton*. The Living is worth 400 l. *per Ann.*——Last Sunday died at *Marlborough*, aged 75, Mrs. *Martha Abbay*, a Maiden Gentlewoman of a great Fortune.

Bankrupt. Edmund Ford, late of *Whitchurch*, in the County of *Southampton*, Miller and Chapman.

Prologue and Epilogue to the Bell-man *of St.* James's *Verses, for the Year* 1734.

PROLOGUE.

To my loving Masters *and* Mistresses.

THIS *Christmas* Time, your Pardon I implore,
(My Masters) that I never rhym'd before.
You know the Proverb says, that of a Cat
The Creature's Skin is all that you can get;
Let, for this Reason, then, my learned Friends
Gracious accept the All your *Bell-man* sends.
Since such you'll find most Men of my Degree,
Excuse the Ignorance appears in me;
Because, when thus I write, I'm forc'd to go
And beg a little Sense as School-Boys do.
No *Greek* nor *Latin* has my *John Trott* Head,
But brings plain native *English* in its Stead.
My Masters courteous Rev'rence will forgive,
The homely Way in which you these receive;
And when you see me fairly write my Name,
For *England's* Sake, wish all could do the same!
Nay, I myself could not so much have done,
Had I been bred and born an eldest Son.
But even as those who write who cannot think,
So I at Crambo play with Pen and Ink,
And am call'd Poet, because I write in Rhyme
Th' Account of how to pass our *Christmas* Time.
So much for this—— but I am sore afraid,
Tho' I wrote more, that you no more would read.
So, Masters, to my Mistresses be true,
I say no more—— past Twelve o'Clock. Adieu.

The *EPILOGUE.*

Behold the circling Year is fairly run;
My Task is finish'd, till the next's begun;
Now midst the Crowd which at this Season flocks,
Promiscuously to beg a *Christmas-Box*,
I, as a *Bell-man*, nightly Watch do keep,
I, as a Poet, sing to those who sleep,
I, as a Beadle, little Curs do whip,
Such little Curs, as bark in Prose or Rhyme,
Do naughty Tricks, and yelp in Service-Time.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 10.

The Nobility and Gentry arrive daily in Town in great Numbers, the Parliament being to meet on Thursday next.

We hear that the ensuing Sessions will be a very short one, and that little other Business will be taken into Consideration besides raising the ORDINARY Supplies for the present Year, and the renewing the Mutiny Bill, which annually expires.

Yesterday two young Fellows playing together in *Clement's-Lane*, one of them unfortunately struck the other on the Temple, and he died on the Spot.

On Tuesday Night the Lady of Sir *Joseph Hutchens* was safely delivered of a Son, at his House at *Chiswick*.

They write from *Bath*, that on Sunday last the Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council, went in their Formalities to *Westgate-House*, to welcome the Prince of *Orange* on his safe Arrival, and were receiv'd with his Highness's usual Affability. His Highness began drinking the Waters on Monday last; after which he was carried in a Chair to the Long-Room, kept by Dame *Lindsey*, and then return'd to *Shaylor's* Coffee-house, and breakfasted in the Publick Room: After which his Highness took the Air in his Coach upon *Lansdown*. His Highness seems very hearty, and is highly delighted with the Place.

We hear that the Lottery for the Relief of the Sufferers in the *Charitable Corporation*, will be drawn at *Mercers-Hall* in *Cheapside*.

Yesterday the Tickets for the said Lottery were deliver'd at the *Bank* to the several Adventurers.

The same Day several Prisoners were removed from the *Gatehouse*, and several other adjacent Jails, to *Newgate*, in order to take their respective Trials at the ensuing Sessions at the *Old Bailey*, which begins on Wednesday next.

The States-General of the United Provinces have order'd Mr. *Hop*, their Minister at this Court, to notify their Conclusion of Neutrality with *France*, and to propose at the same Time to his Majesty, to undertake, in Conjunction with their High-Mightinesses, the Mediation of the Disputes of *Europe*, in order to prevent the fatal Consequences of a War between the most *Christian* King and the Emperor; his Excellency had an Audience of his Majesty accordingly: And we are credibly inform'd, that Mr. *Finch*, the *British* Minister at the *Hague*, has lately communicated his Majesty's Answer thereto, which runs to this Purpose; That their High-Mightinesses the States-General, whose Deliberations are always well weigh'd and prudent, would never have concluded this Negotiation, if it had not

been apparently favourable to the Intereſts of their Republick, and his Majeſty hoped that their High-Mightineſſes would reap from it all the Advantages they expected: That with Regard to a joint Offer of their Mediation to the contending Parties, his Majeſty was in the ſame pacifick Sentiment as their High-Mightineſſes, and ſhould be delighted to concur with them in reſtoring a Peace, ſo neceſſary to the Advantage of the Commerce of both Nations; but that to offer effectually their Mediation to the Courts of *France* and *Vienna*, the Project of an Accommodation muſt be at the ſame Time preſented, ſketch'd out in ſuch a Manner as to be acceptable to the Parties; wherefore his Majeſty ſhould wait with Impatience till their High-Mightineſſes were pleas'd to tranſmit him proper Out-Lines for ſuch a Plan, in order to build thereon in Concert with the States, and effectual to the diſarming the jarring Powers.

Commitments. On Tueſday Night two Street Robbers were committed to *Newgate* by the Right Hon. Sir *William Billers*, Lord Mayor, on the Information of *Macdonald*, who was an Evidence againſt *Baxter* and *Rook*, who were executed at *Tyburn* the laſt Seſſions, for a Robbery committed in *Stepney-Fields*; he has impeach'd three more, whom they are in Purſuit of.

Marriage. Yeſterday *William Stapleton*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Hawley* of *Dorſet Court*, a young Lady of 10,000 l. Fortune.

Deaths. Yeſterday died Mrs. *Elizabeth Cole*, Matron of the *Charter Houſe*, in the 69th Year of her Age. She was a tender Wife, a kind Friend, and always took Pleaſure in doing Good. Her Death is univerſally lamented by all who knew her.——On Tueſday Night died, at his Houſe at *Hummerton* near *Hackney*, *Edward Newnham*, Eſq;——On Saturday laſt died, at his Lodgings in *New-ſtreet*, *Fetter-Lane*, *Edward Pigeon*, Eſq; formerly Major of a Regiment of Foot.

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 11.

Yeſterday the Reverend and Learned Mr. *Bedford*, Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of *Bedford*, and Chaplain to *Hoxton-Hoſpital*, preach'd an excellent Sermon at *Bow-Church* in *Cheapſide*, before the Society for Reformation of Manners. There were preſent the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhops of *London*, *Durham*, *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, *Rocheſter*, *Briſtol*, *St. David's* and *Landaff*; ſeveral of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, and a great Number of Clergy, *&c.*

On Wedneſday laſt a moſt melancholy Accident happened at *Shipperton* in *Middleſex*, which is related by ſome who were Eye-Witneſſes to it, as follows: Sir *Philip Hobſworth*, of *Hampton-Town*, *George Graham*, Eſq; of *Walton*, who lately married Miſs *Montgomerie*, Niece to the Earl of *Eglinton*, and *Edward Briggs*, Eſq; a noted Conveyancer, being out together a ſhooting in the Meadows, Sir *Philip* going to fire at a Fieldfare, his Piece burſt in Pieces, and Mr. *Briggs* ſtanding pretty near him, ſome of the Splinters of the Gun penetrated his Temples on the Left Side, whereby he died in two Hours after. Sir *Philip* is inconſolable for the Deceaſed, who was his intimate Friend; and what is remarkable, he gave his Lady Miſs *Fitzgerald* in Marriage to Sir *Philip Hobſworth* on the 23d of laſt Month.

Yeſterday a poor Woman who mends Cloths in a Stall under the *Black-Swan*, a Grocer's in St. *James's-ſtreet*, was blown up in her Stall by ſome unlucky Villain, who put a Quantity of Gunpowder into a Pot of Charcoal that ſhe had to warm her Feet, which ſet Fire to her Cloths, and burnt her in ſo violent a Manner, that her Life is deſpaired of. Several Houſe-keepers in St. *James's ſtreet* have offered a Reward of ten Guineas to any one who ſhall diſcover the Perſon who did it.

The ſame Day the Lady of *Samuel Sandys*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Worceſter*, was ſafely deliver'd of a Daughter.

A few Days ago a Page belonging to a certain Ambaſſador at this Court, having high Words with one of his Excellency's Chaplains, in his Paſſion ſtruck him ſeveral Times; whereupon he was immediately taken into Cuſtody, in order to be carried abroad to ſuffer a Puniſhment according to the Nature of his Crime in his own Country.

Yeſterday a Coachman who had got drunk fell off his Box over-againſt St. *Martin's-Church*, and the Wheel running over his Stomach, he was taken up for dead.

The ſame Day ſeveral Cartloads of Ice above three Inches thick, were carried from the *Canal* in St. *James's-Park* to the new Ice-houſe lately made in the Upper-Park by the Duke of *Buckingham's* Garden-Wall.

Yeſterday the forty Blue-Coat Boys, educated in the Royal Mathematical School in *Chriſt's-Hoſpital*, were, according to annual Cuſtom, preſented to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury.

We hear that ſix of his Majeſty's Ships of War are order'd to ſail from *Spithead*, for the *Mediterranean*, to relieve the like Number at *Gibraltar* and *Port-Mahone*.

Wedneſday laſt being the Birth-Day of the ſerene Infant *Don Carlos*, Duke of *Parma* and *Placentia*, when he enter'd the 18th Year of his Age, his Excellency the Count *de Montijo*, the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador, gave a magnificent Entertainment to the Miniſters of State, and ſeveral of the foreign Miniſters, at his Houſe in *Great Ormond ſtreet*; but the *Imperial*, *Ruſſian* and *Saxon* Miniſters were not invited.

Commitments. On Wedneſday laſt the noted *Peter Buck*, who was formerly an Evidence at the *Old Baily* againſt *Daniel Tipping*, for a Robbery on the Highway, who was executed at *Tyburn* for the ſame, was committed to *Newgate* by Sir *Richard Brocas*, for a Street Robbery.——Yeſterday a Man was taken on *Kennington Common*, on Suſpicion of having committed ſeveral Robberies on the Highway in the Counties of *Surrey* and *Kent*; and being carried before Sir *Iſaac Shard*, Knt. he was committed to the New Jail in *Southwark*.

Marriage. Yeſterday Mr. *Marſh* of *Hendon*, was married to Miſs *Sophia Meredith*, of *Warwick ſtreet*, St *James's*, a young Gentlewoman of a conſiderable Fortune.

Deaths. Laſt Sunday died at *Graveſend*, Capt. *John Dart*, formerly Commander of a Ship in the *Eaſt-India* Company's Service.——On Thurſday the 3d Inſtant died Mr. *Cock*, Poſt-maſter of *Falmouth*.——One of the two Twins of which Lady *Shelley*, Wife of Sir *John Shelley*, Bart. was deliver'd about two Months ſince, died Yeſterday of Convulſion Fits.——The ſame Day died at *Hummerton*, *John Gunter*, Eſq; formerly an eminent Dry-Salter of this City.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Madrid, Dec. 21. N. S.

HIS Excellency Mr. *Keen*, the *Britiſh* Miniſter, has had a long Conference with M. *Patinho*, upon the Receipt of new Inſtructions from his Court. The whole Number of Troops intended for *Italy* not being ſhipp'd off with the grand Fleet, the Remainder at *Barcelona* will ſail on board ſome Tranſports about the Cloſe of this Month; they talk alſo of another Fleet of between 30 and 40 Men of War, to be got ready againſt the Spring; in ſhort, it is almoſt incredible what vaſt Preparations are making on Purpoſe to back the Views of her *Catholick* Majeſty, in Behalf of the Serene Infant *Don Carlos*: Her Influence appears equal to her Ambition; and her Ambition ſo great, 'tis thought in ſome Meaſure obnoxious to the Triple Alliance with *France* and *Sardinia*: Upon which Occaſion 'tis whiſper'd about, as if the Sieur *de Theil*, late arriv'd here from the Court of *France*, had it in Commiſſion to communicate ſome Points agreed to by the new Treaty to the King alone, under an Obligation not to divulge them to the Queen, in Regard they may relate to the reſpective Intereſts of *France* and *Savoy*, and ſo far be judg'd detrimental to the Serene Infant, in the Eye of her *Catholick* Majeſty. Some Affairs of the laſt Importance are ſaid to have been diſcovered in the Papers of the Marquiſs *de Monteleon*, deceaſed, late Ambaſſador to the Republick of *Venice*, upon which his *Catholick* Majeſty was pleas'd to declare with Regret, that he had loſt in the Perſon of his Excellency, a faithful and conſummate Miniſter. The King has receiv'd Letters from *Don Carlos* with an exact Account of what has hitherto paſs'd in *Italy*.

Madrid, Dec. 22. New Orders are ſent to all the Sea-Ports, to put an Embargo on all Veſſels that are or may come in there, the Court being reſolv'd to ſend 6000 Men into *Italy* next *March*, with a great Quantity of Ammunition and Proviſions. They write from *Cadiz*, that two Ships deſign'd for *Buenos Ayres* ſail'd thence the 15th, accompanied by a *Britiſh* Man of War, who was to eſcort them as far as to the *Canaries* from *Seville*: That according to their Accounts, three *French* Men of War were arriv'd at the *Havanna* from *Martinico*, to bring to *Spain* the Treaſure of the *Flotilla*.

Warſaw, Dec. 24. The Palatine of *Kiovia* is gone of take Poſſeſſion of an important Poſt between the Rivers *Warte* and *Pileza*, in order to diſpute the Paſſage of the Grand Deputation, which ſet out laſt Week from *Lowicz*; and takes its Rout by *Lys*, *Hewiach*, and *Welbitz*: They reckon to reach *Tarnowitz* about the Cloſe of this Month. The *Poliſh* Troops harraſs the *Ruſſians* continually in all their advanc'd Poſts, ſo as to oblige them to cauſe a conſiderable Body of Horſe to patrole every Night about them. This City has freſh Orders to furniſh the *Ruſſians* with 1500 Sacks of Meal.

Sarzana, Dec. 24. The *Spaniſh* Infantry which landed lately at *Specie*, are marching in three Columns towards *Tuſcany*; the *Spaniards* open'd their Trenches on the 22d before *d'Aula*, and actually batter it with ſix Pieces of Cannon.

Rome, Dec. 26. On Tueſday laſt Cardinal *Corſini* repaired to the Palace of the Chevalier *de St. George*, who ſent to let his Eminency know he had ſomewhat of Importance to communicate to him; ſoon after a Detachment of the Pope's Guards came and ſecur'd all the Avenues thereof, and made a ſtrict Search in all the neighbouring Houſes: People were ſtrangely ſurpriz'd, when a Report took Air of a Plot diſcovered, which was laid by ſome *Engliſh* Noblemen, lately arrived here, to carry off the young Prince, eldeſt Son of the Chevalier. They go farther and ſay, they had diſpos'd the Prince to make his Eſcape in private, in Caſe he met with Oppoſition.

Paris, Jan. 16. N. S. On the 14th Inſtant the Marquis *Fiemarcon* arriv'd at Court from *Italy*, with the News of the taking of *Novara* by the *French* and *Sardinian* Armies. *Tortona* is at preſent the ſole Place in the *Milaneſe* remaining in the *Imperialiſts* Hands, and we expect that Town will capitulate in its Turn; it has been for ſome Time block'd up, in order to prevent any Supplies of Ammunition and Proviſion being thrown into it.

As ſoon as the Reduction of *Tortona* is compleated, the Troops will unite and proceed to *Mantua* with Deſign to cloſe up intirely all the Avenues to that City: 6000 Peaſants are employed to turn off the Courſe of the *Mincio*, in order to deprive *Mantua* of the Strength that River adds to its Situation.

They write from *Turin*, that the King of *Sardinia* was return'd thither from the Army: And from *Leghorn*, that the *Spaniards* have fix'd their general Quarters at *Piſa*, which has been ſtor'd with great Plenty of Proviſions accordingly. The ſame Letters add, that the Marquis *de Caſtro-Pignano* being arriv'd before the Fortreſs of *Aula*, where the *Germans* who remain'd at *Maſſa* and *Lavenza* had retir'd, that General immediately ſummon'd the Place to ſurrender, which the Garriſon refus'd; whereupon he caus'd it to be beſieg'd in all the Forms, and when the Garriſon about three Days after would have capitulated, he would accept no Terms, but oblig'd them to ſurrender at Diſcretion, inſomuch that they tamely laid down their Arms, and were conducted Priſoners to the Port of *Specie*, to be ſhipp'd off for *Spain*, from whence 'tis ſurmis'd they will be afterwards ſent to *Oran*.

The *Spaniſh* Army wait for the Arrival of their Cavalry from *Antibes*, in order to begin their Enterprize upon *Naples*, to which Kingdom they intend to take their Way thro' the Eccleſiaſtical Territories.

The King has fill'd up all the new-rais'd Regiments with Officers from Half-pay.

On the 27th ult. the Thunder and Lightning was ſo violent on the Borders of *Mayence*, that it fell on the Abby of *Benedictines* and put ſeveral to Death, doing Prejudice moreover to the Abby to the Value of 60,000 Livres.

On the 14th Inſtant *Te Deum* was ſung in the Church of *Notre Dame*, by way of Thankſgiving for the taking the Citadel of *Milan*.

Hambourg, Jan. 4. N. S. They write from *Berlin*, that the Hopes they had of a *Britiſh* Miniſter ſhortly arriving at that Court, is vaniſh'd, and the Houſe thrown up which was ſaid to be hired for his Excellency. Some Officers have demanded Leave of the King to go to ſee the Coronation at *Cracow*, his Majeſty is ſaid to have reply'd, that they could not abſent from their Poſts, becauſe it was uncertain when or where they might be employ'd; they ought therefore to be ready on all Occaſions. Letters from *Dreſden* take Notice of a Storm which the Queen had on her Way to *Oppelen*, wherein Hail-ſtones fell of ſuch a Size, as broke the Coach-Glaſſes, and extremely frighten'd her Majeſty.

Vienna, Dec. 30. The Pope's Nuncio, ſince the Arrival of the laſt Expreſs from *Rome*, begins to re-appear at Court. The Reports that have been ſpread with Regard to the Elector of *Bavaria's* having fallen in plumb with the Views of this Court are too haſty; but we hope it will come to that in a ſhort Time. The Prince of *Trivulcio*, whoſe Eſtates lie in the *Milaneſe*, has obtain'd his *Imperial* Majeſty's Leave to repair thither, purſuant to the late Summons

of the King of *Sardinia*. 'Tis assur'd that 12,000 *Imperialists* from the Duke *de Bevern*'s Army on the *Rhine*, have Orders to march in all Haste to *Italy*.

Milan, Dec. 25. We have 40 Pieces of Battery-Cannon, and 12 Mortars, playing continually against the Citadel of this Town, and expect every Day to hear the Governor cry *enough*. Fort *Fiente* did not surrender, but was taken by Assault, and the Garrison made Prisoners of War. There were 12 Pieces of Ordnance and 600 Barrels of Powder in that Place, but no Provisions. A Party of the Enemy's Horse, to the Number of 600, having appear'd on the *Oglio* near *Buzzolo*, the Count *de Broglio*, who commands in those Parts, caus'd a like Number of Men to mount, and go in Pursuit of them. Our Troops, under the Advantage of a hollow Way and a Hedge, advanc'd very near them without being perceiv'd, and then alighting to the Number of about 50, these last form'd an Ambuscade; the rest made a Feint to attack the *Imperialists*, and riding up Sword in Hand, the others drew also; and beginning to charge, the 50 Men in Ambush fir'd in upon them, and kill'd several; whereupon the Remainder betook themselves to flight.

Hague, Jan. 12. N. S. The *Imperial* Ministers here, give out, that the Bulk of the *English* Nation are extremely irritated at the Hostilities committed by the Troops of the three Crowns against the Emperor, without the least Provocation, as the said Ministers assert; and therefore they flatter themselves, that the Parliament, whether new or old, will fall in with his *Imperial* Majesty's Views: But whatever the Disposition of the *British* Nation in general may be with Regard to the present War, it is very likely the Court will take Care to put themselves in a Capacity either to assist the Emperor, or to render their Mediation effectual, when it shall be a proper Time to offer it.

The same *Imperial* Ministers would make us believe also, that this Republick will very shortly come to a favourable Resolution on the same Side of the Question. Whatever is determin'd in the present Assembly of the States of *Holland*, will put the other Provinces of the Generality in Motion. Mean while, most People in these Countries seem to be persuaded of the Necessity of arming both by Sea and Land for the common Safety, and already it has been resolved to lay an additional Duty upon some Commodities, as Soap, Coffee, Domesticks, *&c.* besides an extraordinary Lottery, which Men begin to talk of pretty confidently. In short, the Foundation must be laid in the Raising of Money; and that is now actually under Consideration.

Spain, on the other hand, seems resolutely bent upon pushing her Conquests during the Winter. That Season will not hinder her taking *Naples* and *Sicily* betwixt this and the Spring; and being told, that the Grand Fleet of *Spain* is gone thither directly, we are the more impatient to hear what Enterprize they have begun with.

Extract of a private Letter from Vienna.

We were under some Surprize here, to see in King *Stanislaus*'s last Mandate, directed to the Palatinates of *Poland*, that that Prince declares, that he is not in Alliance either with *Spain* or *Sardinia*. The Emperor's Ministers have drawn an Inference from thence, which they design to propagate at all the Courts of *Europe*, and make them sensible, if they can, how much the Kings of *Spain* and *Sardinia* were in the Wrong, to ground the Injustice of the War they have commenced against the Emperor, upon the Affairs of a Prince who is no ways allied to them.

We are still told, that it was not without Foundation, that King *Stanislaus*, in the same Mandate, flattered himself with a powerful Diversion, which would shew itself before some People were aware of it. The Ambassador of *France* had by dint of Gold gained over the principal Members of the Divan; and were it not for the Battle which the *Turks* are said to have lost in *Persia*, they would have sent an Army into *Poland*, to support King *Stanislaus*. The Prime Vizir had actually asked *Mynheer Tahlman*, the Emperor's Minister at the Port, how far his *Imperial* Majesty was engaged with the *Czarina*; and had moreover insinuated, that the Grand Seignior could not bear with the *Russians* longer Stay in *Poland*. What Pity it is for this Court, and those of *Petersburgh* and *Dresden*, that a Piece of News so greatly in their Favour, should have no better Foundation! The Consequences which are drawn here from the compleat Victory of the *Persians*, are very just: But if the Principle is false, the Consequences must be so too.

Mean Time, most of the impartial World agree, that if King *Stanislaus* be not speedily and powerfully assisted by Some-body, it is impossible that any Detachment of *Popanders* in his Interest, be they never so numerous, be they never so desperate, can stand against an Army of 100,000 regular Troops; for there are no less, between the *Saxons* and *Muscovites*, and more pouring in continually every Day.

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